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SUBJECT: MARTINIQUE SUMMIT

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- 1. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ANGLES TELEPHONED DCM MORNING DECEMBER 4 AND IN AGITATED TONE EXPLAINED THAT QUAI HAD BEEN SENDING DAILY MESSAGES TO FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON IN EFFORT OBTAIN U.S. APPROVAL OF FRENCH PROPOSALS FOR MARTINIQUE MEETINGS, WITH CONTINUED NEGATIVE RESULTS. FRENCH EMBASSY HAD REPORTED THAT DEPARTMENT CONTACTS EXPLAINED THAT DR. KISSINGER HAD NOT HAD TIME TO FOCUS ON PLANS FOR MARTINIQUE.
- 2. TO DATE, ANGLES SAID, U.S. SIDE HAD ONLY AGREED ON ONE POINT, NAMELY, THAT PRESIDENTIAL PARTY WOULD BE INSTALLED IN HOTEL MERIDIEN. WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD'S DEPARTURE ONLY EIGHT DAYS AWAY, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY RESPONSE ON AMERICAN SIDE, ANGLES SAID HE FELT COMPELLED TO CONSIDER THAT THE PROPOSED PLANS SUBMITTED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WERE DEFINITIVE. FRENCH ADVANCE PARTY WAS DEPARTING DECEMBER 4 AND U.S. ADVANCE PARTY SCHEDULED ARRIVE DECEMBER 5. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES HE EXPRESSED PROFOUND HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MAJOR ALTERATION PROPOSED BY U.S. TO FRENCH PROGRAM. PLEASE CONFIDENTIAL

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3. QUAI HAS SEPARATELY CONTACTED US IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE DEFINITIVELY WHETHER MRS. KISSINGER WILL BE ACCOMPANYING HER HUSBAND TO MARTINIQUE. FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES ADVISED ME NOVEMBER 30 THAT SINCE MRS. KISSINGER WAS GOING TO MARTINIQUE, MADAME SAUVAGNARGUES WOULD ALSO BE ATTENDING. PLEASE CONFIRM SINCE I UNDERSTAND THAT OTHERWISE MADAME SAUVAGNARGUES WOULD NOT GO. RUSH

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